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SUBJ: OFFER OF TWO SPACES TO KENYA IN FY 76 COMMAND AND
GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE COURSE

REFS: A) NAIROBI 10265, DEC 10, 974; B) STATE 024342;
C) DA WASHDC/DAMO-SSA, 101805Z MAR 1975; D) NAIROBI 2647

1. REF C ADVISING THAT TWO FY 76 CSGC SPACES HAVE BEEN
OFFERED TO KENYA ON AN FMS BASIS HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED
BY THIS EMBASSY DUE APPARENTLY TO TRANSMITTAL BY POUCH
RATHER THAN TELEGRAPHICALLY. UNFORTUNATELY REF C
REQUESTS THAT THESE TWO SPACES BE ACCEPTED OR DECLINED
NO LATER THAN MARCH 21, 1975. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
EXTENSION OF THIS DEADLINE TO APPROXIMATELY MAY 1 IF
AT ALL POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MAY NOW EXTEND OFFER TO KENYAN
GOVERNMENT. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. WHILE ORIGINAL KENYAN REQUEST FOR THESE AND CERTAIN
OTHER TRAINING SLOTS (REF A) WAS BASED ON ASSUMPTION
THAT ANY TRAINING OFFERED WOULD BE ON FMS CASH BASIS,
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OUR BILATERAL MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH KENYA HAS SUB-

SEQUENTLY EVOLVED TO POINT WHERE WE ARE TAKING SPECIFIC STEPS TO ENABLE U.S. TO OFFER KENYA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES WITHIN PARAMETERS OF CURRENT LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS. FOR EXAMPLE, REF B REPORTED ON FEBRUARY 4 THAT "DOD WAS DRAWING UP (FOR KENYA) AN IN-CONTINENTAL U.S. MAP TRAINING PROGRAM BEGINNING IN FY 75 PROJECTED TO HAVE AN ANNUAL VALUE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$50,000." REF B ALSO INDICATED THAT PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS NEEDED TO AUTHORIZE BOTH FMS CREDIT AND MAP TRAINING IN FY 65 WERE BEING SOUGHT. IF THESE ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO MAP ARE VIRTUALLY COMPLETE, WE RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO OFFER KENYAN GOVERNMENT THE TWO SPACES IN COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE ON MAP RATHER THAN FMS CASH BASIS. IN OUR VIEW, SUCH AN OFFER -- IF FEASIBLE -- NEED NOT AWAIT FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS OF KENYA'S MORE COMPREHENSIVE HARDWARE AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS WHEN U.S. MILITARY TEAM VISITS KENYA (REF D) AS GOK FIRST INDICATED INTEREST IN OBTAINING SOME STAFF LEVEL MILITARY TRAINING IN U.S. MORE THAN ONE YEAR AGO. MOREOVER, IF GOK FEELS UNABLE FINANCIALLY TO SEND STUDENTS TO CGSC THIS YEAR, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO WAIT FULL YEAR BEFORE SENDING STUDENTS TO NEXT SESSION OF THIS COURSE. OFFER AT THIS TIME WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL SIGNAL TO GOK THAT WE ARE INDEED GIVING THEIR MILITARY ASSISTANCE REQUESTS PROMPT AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP (A) WHETHER TWO CGSC TRAINING SPACES STILL AVAILABLE TO KENYA AND (B) WHETHER THEY CAN BE OFFERED TO GOK ON MAP BASIS.
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